

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Theodore (Ted) Raymond Waterson was born July 13, 1924, to Hugh and Helen (Horton) Waterson at Owanka, South Dakota, one of five children; and,

Whereas, Ted married Mary Bessette on March 4, 1947, in Rapid City, South Dakota, and to this union four children were born: Linda, Rita, Gene, and Roland; and,

Whereas, Ted and Mary ranched in the Scenic, South Dakota, area from 1947 until 1949. Ted started working in the South Dakotah Cement Plant in April 1953, and retired in January 1988, after 35 years of service; and,

Whereas, Ted served in the Navy from January 1944 until May 15, 1946, as a Seaman 1st Class -S/C - aboard the USS Holland Submarine Tender; and,

Whereas, Ted's hobbies include fishing, gardening, and going to his grandchildren's ball games; and,

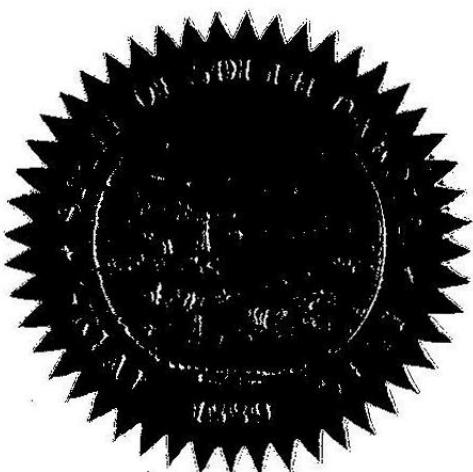
Whereas, Ted now resides at his home in Rapid City, South Dakota, and will observe his 80th birthday in celebration as his family, relatives, and many friends gather on July 17, 2004, for an open house:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 17, 2004, as

THEODORE RAYMOND WATERSON DAY

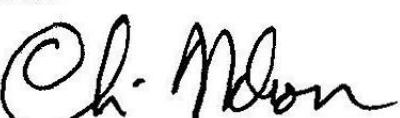
in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State